Congress of the United States

Washington, **DC** 20515 April 9, 2014

The Honorable John A. Boehner Speaker H-232 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As you know, the U.S. Senate recently passed bipartisan legislation to extend unemployment insurance for Americans looking for work. We believe the U.S. House must act without delay to pass this bipartisan agreement and extend an economic lifeline to millions of struggling jobseekers and their families.

Since the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program expired on December 28, more than 2.3 million Americans have lost their unemployment insurance. On average, every eight seconds the House delays a vote on this bill, another jobseeker is cut off the program. People in our communities are hurting, and the unemployment rate is still unacceptably high. For Americans looking for work in a difficult economy, this critical assistance will help keep a roof over their heads and food in their children's mouths.

Passing this compromise legislation will not only help our fellow citizens, but it will also strengthen the economy. According to the Congressional Budget Office, extending unemployment insurance will create thousands of jobs by increasing consumer demand. Moreover, this extension is fully paid-for.

Mr. Speaker, our constituents have waited long enough. We cannot wait another day. On behalf of the millions of Americans who are out of work through no fault of their own, we urge you to schedule a vote without delay on the bipartisan Senate bill and give our struggling communities the relief they deserve.

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Sincerely,

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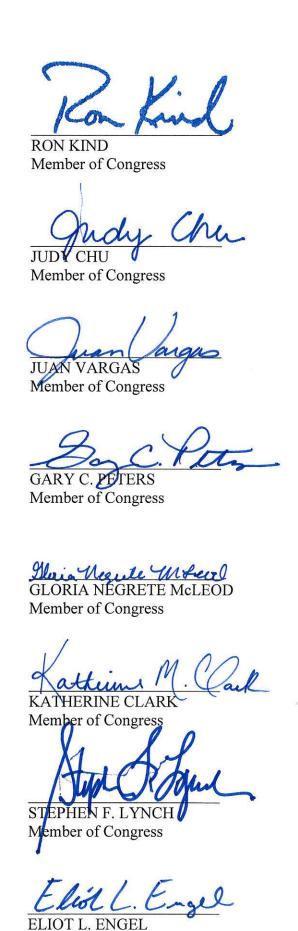
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